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Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” is a progressive and ultimately fatal degenerative neuromuscular disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells cease functioning and die. Most tragically, cognition and mental functioning is typically unaffected, leaving victims fully aware of their increasing impairment and deteriorating physical condition.

ALS afflicts more than 5,000 new individuals annually in the United States, depleting their financial resources and imposing intolerable financial and emotional costs on their relatives and caregivers.

The ALS Association – Greater Los Angeles Chapter has designated May 2006 as “ALS Awareness Month” to help focus attention on the disease and encourage people to become better educated on the issues confronting those with ALS and support vigorous advocacy on their behalf in the halls of Congress.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2006 as “ALS Awareness Month” in the County of Los Angeles, and encourage all residents to become educated about ALS and to lend their aid to combating this disease to the best of their ability.

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